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For: **FIXING DEVICE FOR CLAMPING THE ENDS OF A SURGICAL
CABLE USED FOR FIXING BONE PARTS**

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

The following comments and attachments are intended to be fully responsive to the Notice dated April 13, 2007 in connection with the subject application. Specifically, the Notice asserts that a discrepancy exists between the inventors' Declaration filed in the subject application and the International Application (IA) published as WO 2005/074827 in that inventor Marissen's first name is spelled differently, i.e., "Roelof" in the former and "Reolof" in the latter. As will become evident from the discussion below, the Declaration as filed in this application fully complies with 37 CFR §§1.66 and 1.68 and thus should be accepted under 37 CFR §§1.497(a) and (b).

Applicant notes in this regard that the misspelling of inventor Marissen's first name was the result of an apparent printing error on the part of WIPO and was **not** based on incorrect information provided when the IA was filed. Specifically, there is attached hereto as Exhibit A a true and accurate copy of the first page of the PCT Request as filed by the Applicant in which inventor Marissen's first name was correctly spelled as "**Roelof**". This correct spelling of inventor Marissen's first name is the same as that employed in the Declaration of the subject application.

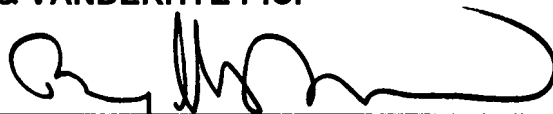
Accordingly, in view of the remarks and attachments submitted herewith, it is suggested that no discrepancy in fact exists between the IA and the Declaration as filed in the subject application with respect to the spelling of inventor Marissen's first name. Specifically, inventor Marissen's first name as submitted to WIPO via the PCT Request and as submitted with the Declaration in the subject application are both correct. Any discrepancy that exists therefore is attributable to a publication error by WIPO over which the applicant has no control.

Withdrawal of the Notice and acceptance of the Declaration as of the date filed in the subject application are therefore solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/25/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/25/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/25/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/08/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/25/2006
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
 - The first inventor's first name is spelled differently on the declaration from what is on the published application.

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

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